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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 833
By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor Mary Lou Winningham
on the celebration of her 84th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mary Lou Winningham, who will celebrate her 84th birthday on September 2nd, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Benton and Euma Mitchell, she was born and reared in Pickett County, along with her brothers and sisters: Samuel Robert, Richard Willis, Horace Hassell, Leslie Benton, Esther Evelyn, Lonza McMillan and Thomas Edward; and

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WHEREAS, at the age of 13, Ms. Winningham gave her life to Jesus Christ at a Presbyterian Revival; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Pickett County, she is a highly respected member of her community; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mrs. Winningham served with acumen and alacrity as a waitress/manager of the Byrdstown Dairy Bar, in which position she earned the respect of her colleagues and customers alike for the superior quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1933, she was joined in marriage with Ward Porter Winningham; and

WHEREAS, the couple's blessed union produced seven children: Elese, who was married to the late James Richardson and has two sons, Jimmy and Johnny; Glenna, who was married to the late Phillip Allen, and has two children, Stacy and Tom; Donald, who is married to Yoshiko, and has two sons, George and Greg; our most valued colleague Leslie Winningham, who is married to Peggy and has five daughters, Carrie, Allison, Shannon, Sarah, and Jennifer; Douglas, who is married to Ann, and has two children, Trina and Brian; Ward, who is married to Patsy, and has two sons, Jeff and Jason; and Roger, who is married to Meg, and has two children, Nicole and Daniel; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Winningham's loving family has expanded to include 13 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, upon the death of her husband in 1952, Mrs. Winningham made the necessary sacrifices to keep her family together, and rear her children to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable lady won the Senior Olympics Championship in horseshoes seven consecutive times; and

WHEREAS, as Mary Lou approaches the middle of her ninth decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to take this golden opportunity to recognize one of Tennessee's outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Mary Lou Winningham on the celebration of her 84th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.